International Society of Nephrology

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1994 is included in the annual 1994 dues of US $120.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of $120.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Computerized Information Committee co-chaired by Drs. Kim Solez (Edmonton) and Zal Agus (Philadelphia) is maintaining and updating the ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web. This Home Page describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to *Kidney International*. The uniform resource locators (URLs) for the Web Page are: Europe: [http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm](http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm) North America: [http://synapse.uah.ualberta.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm](http://synapse.uah.ualberta.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm) Material from the Madrid International Congress is available using the URL [http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm](http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm)

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applications should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "...was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "...was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Robert W. Schrier, M.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine, 4200 E. 9th Avenue, Box B178, Denver, CO 80262, USA. Tel: (303) 270-7765/Fax: (303) 270-7702.

ISN Archives

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Dialysis and Transplantation will be held July 13—17, 1997 in Istanbul, Turkey. FAX: 90 212 530 7440; Ms. Serpil Bagriacik, Pera, Organization and Representation Ltd., Istanbul, Turkey. FAX: 90 212 230 4923.

The 16th Annual Meeting of The North American Society for Dialysis and Transplantation will be held July 13—17, 1997 in Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. This is a specialty conference on current issues in nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. The program is designed to update and enhance the participant’s knowledge through presentations on current issues in nephrology, dialysis and transplantation. For further information regarding registration and submission of abstracts contact Wadi N. Suki, M.D. or Laura Brazil, 6550 Fannin, Suite 1273, Houston, Texas 77030, USA. Telephone: (713) 790-3275; FAX: (713) 790-5053.

The 9th International Meeting of the Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy will be held July 14—16, 1997 in Kyoto, Japan. The scientific program will include plenary, parallel, poster and video sessions. For further information contact the Secretariat of the SMIT 9th Annual International Meeting, c/o Academic Conference Planning, 383 Murakami-cho, Fushimika, Kyoto 612, Japan. Telephone: 81 75 611-2008; FAX: 81 75 603-3816.

The 1st International Conference on Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF) will be held September 7—11, 1997 in Jerusalem, Israel. Main topics will include: clinical aspects of FMF; ethnic distribution of FMF; FMF and amyloidosis; rare manifestations of FMF; vasculitis in FMF; FMF-like syndromes (porphyria, Hb-C’s disease, hyper IgD syndrome, Hibernian fever); FMF in childhood; FMF and the musculoskeletal system; colchicine and FMF; FMF and related diseases; mapping and cloning of the FMF gene; laboratory diagnosis. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is June 7, 1997. For further information contact CARMEL Organizers of Conferences, P.O. Box 1912, Ramat Gan 52532, Israel. Telephone: 972-3-5754040; FAX: 972-3-5753107.

A National Institutes of Health Sponsored Workshop on Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) will be held September 10—11, 1997 in Crystal City, Virginia, USA. The emphasis will be on the cutting edge of research, with prominent scientists giving presentations and exchanging information with an audience heavily engaged in PKD-related research. For further information contact Ms. Andrea Gasper at ComputerCraft Corporation, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Suite 101, Bethesda, MD 20817.